IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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: CARLIN et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for THREE (3) months to January 1, 2006.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) for a three month extension of time is \$1,020.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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